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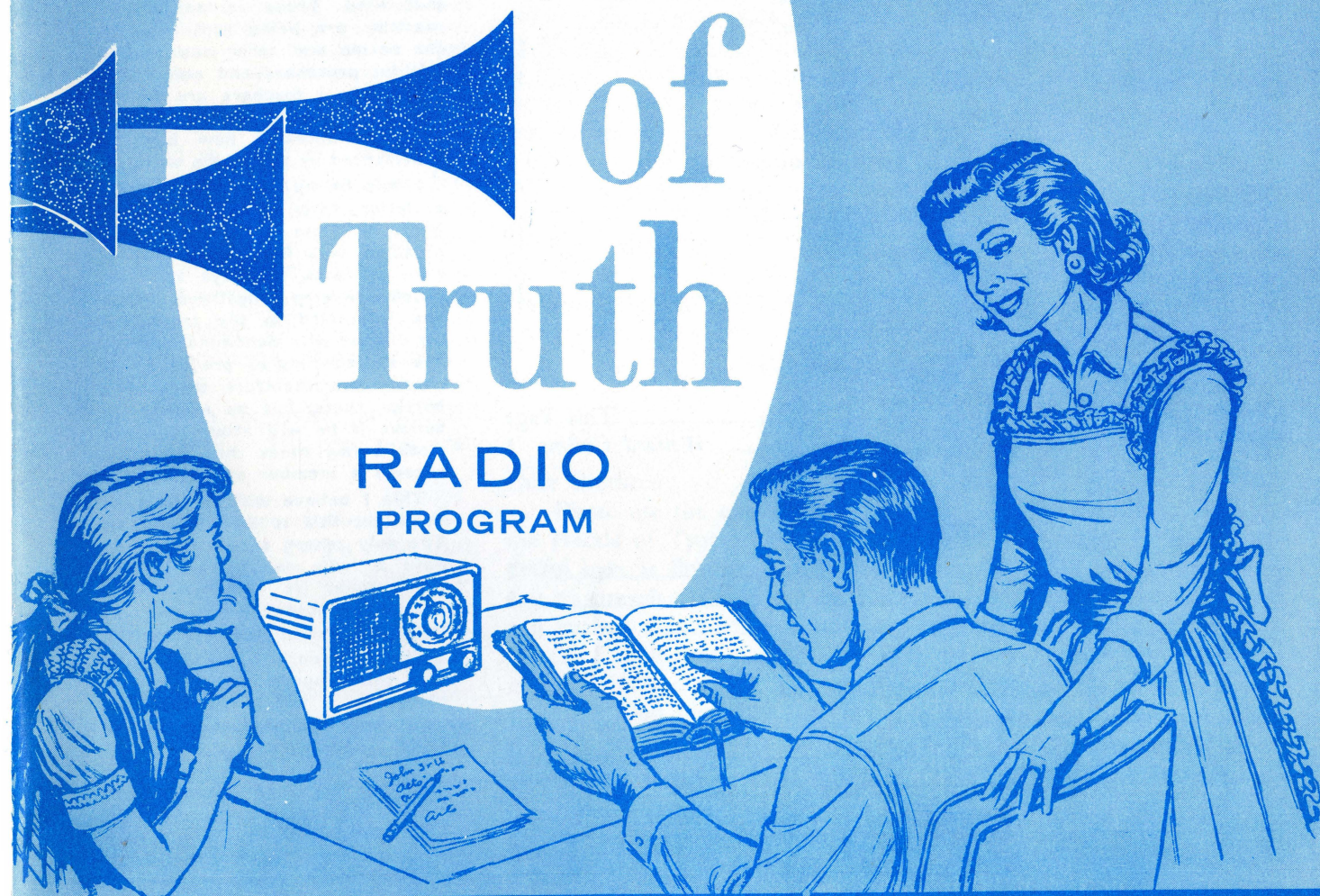


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## CO-LABORERS

The Bible says that we (Christians) are co-laborers together with God. We know that God is interested in the salvation of every single one of His creatures. We know that the Bible tells us that God is well pleased when the Gospel is preached. We know that we cannot set up any kind of an organization separate and apart from the church to do this preaching, but we are fully aware of the responsibility of the church in 1 Timothy 3:15 to carry this message of salvation to all the world.

The reports coming in from across the nation are so flattering and so encouraging to us. Multiplied thousands of people are writing letters asking for information wanting sermons and things of that kind. These contact memorandums are being sent all over the nation and other nations and faithful preachers and elders and Bible school teachers are following up these contacts and in many many instances a new birth is experienced by those who write us.

I hold in my hand this morning a letter from my home state, Missouri, from a faithful gospel preacher who had visited one of such contacts. He says this, the people are very honest and sincere and interested in the truth, but his disgust with denominationalism has caused him to pre-judge the church and therefore there is a barrier there, but he said that I believe if he will attend our services a few times that he would become a member of the church.

This I believe will be the case. Brethren, this is so encouraging. The only reason on earth that we have a radio and television program today is that we might preach the gospel to the lost and thereby assist in their redemption.

Those of you who are helping us with this program, financially and otherwise, I know that you are encouraged by these good reports. Every single member of the church should be so interested in someone else that no stone would be left unturned to bring the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ.

—W. F. Cawyer

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## Go With God's Plan

By Willard Collins



WILLARD COLLINS, vice-president of David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee, believes in world evangelism. Guest speaker at the Far East Fellowship in Tokyo and other meetings in the Far East in 1961, he preaches in approximately 13 gospel meetings each year in addition to his other preaching appointments. In October of this year he will preach in an area-wide meeting in Nashville's new 10,400-seat municipal auditorium.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). In Romans 10 Paul tells us that faith comes from hearing the word of God. The important question for man is "What is my responsibility in God's plan for saving the world?" God has done His part; now man must do his.

It is the desire of Almighty God that men who know the truth should teach others. After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus said to His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19, 20). Mark's account of Jesus' commandment says "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be

damned" (Mark 16:15, 16). Jesus then ascended into heaven and left the matter of taking the gospel to all people in the hands of His followers.

God did not specify any particular method for us to use in spreading the gospel of Christ. Through the years means of transportation and of communication have changed. Many things which are expedient now were unheard of during the days of the apostles. It is my belief that God expects us to use every means available for telling the lost of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We certainly want to continue to use personal contact as much as possible. Many churches realize the importance of newspaper advertising, and some are now begin-

ning to take advantage of the opportunities of advertising in nationally known magazines. In our modern day, television is one of the greatest means of mass communication. Approximately seventy television stations, in addition to many radio stations, carry the HERALD OF TRUTH program each week. Many people are willing to listen to a gospel sermon by television or radio at home who are not willing to go to a meeting place or to talk personally with someone about salvation. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss.

God wants man to be saved. Man must do his part by using every means at his disposal to "go . . . into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

### FROM TENNESSEE

Cypress Inn, Tennessee  
Route 1  
May 22, 1962

Dear Brethren:

Please use the enclosed \$6.00 money to help preach the truth on the Herald of Truth Radio and TV. I sure thank God for such wonderful men as Brother Harper and Brother Baxter that have the courage to preach God's truth in the face of such heavy opposition. I have learned many truths from these sermons that has saved me from error. I have even used the book of sermons to encourage others to obey the Gospel.

May God bless this fine work in His vineyard.

Yours in Christ,  
(Signed) James H. Hayes

### FROM KENTUCKY

Mrs. A. C. Bettersworth, 1045 Magnolia, Bowling Green, Kentucky, says: "I wish we could have this program (Herald of Truth) on all networks. It is the best way I can think of to send the gospel to the whole world."

May God bless Sister Bettersworth in her endeavor to help others share the Christ that she knows so well. Brethren, we cannot keep the Christ we do not share.

October 1962



# STATIONS CARRYING HERALD OF TRUTH

## Television Programs

City	Station	Ch.	Time	City	Station	Ch.	Time	City	Station	Ch.	Time
<b>ALABAMA</b>				<b>MAINE</b>				<b>OKLAHOMA</b>			
Birmingham	WBRC	6	5:05 a.m. (Wed.)	Presque Isle	WAGM		1:30 p.m.	Oklahoma City	KWTV	9	8:30 a.m.
Huntsville	WAFG		1:00 p.m.	<b>MICHIGAN</b>				<b>OREGON</b>			
<b>ALASKA</b>				Detroit	CKLW	9	11:30 a.m.	Portland	KPTV	12	8:30 a.m.
Juneau	KINY	8	1:30 p.m.	Kalamazoo	WKZO	3	8:30 a.m.	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>			
<b>ARIZONA</b>				<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>				Johnstown	WJAC	6	10:00 a.m.
Tucson	KOLD	13	10:15 a.m.	Columbus	WCBI	4		<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>			
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				Greenwood	WABG	6	3:30 p.m.	Charleston	WUSN	2	12:00 p.m.
Bakersfield	KBAK	29	10:30 a.m.	Jackson	WJTV	12	10:00 a.m.	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>			
Eureka	KVIQ	6	10:00 a.m.	Meridian	WTOK	11	8:30 a.m.	Aberdeen	KXAB	9	5:30 p.m.
Fresno	KJEO	47	10:00 a.m.	<b>MISSOURI</b>				<b>TENNESSEE</b>			
Los Angeles	KTLL	5	8:30 a.m.	Cape Girardeau	KFVS	12	8:30 a.m.	Chattanooga	WRGP	3	9:00 a.m.
Redding	KVIP	7	10:00 a.m.	Jefferson City	KRCG	13	2:00 p.m.	Johnson City	WJHL	11	11:00 a.m.
San Francisco	KGO	7	8:30 a.m.	Springfield	KYTV	3	8:30 a.m.	Memphis	WHBQ		9:00 a.m.
San Jose	KNTV	11	2:30 p.m.	<b>NEBRASKA</b>				Nashville	WSM	4	8:30 a.m.
<b>COLORADO</b>				North Platte	KNOP	2	12:30 p.m.	<b>TEXAS</b>			
Denver	KBTB	9	9:00 a.m.	Omaha	KMTV	3	8:30 a.m.	Abilene	KRBC	9	1:00 p.m.
Grand Junction	KREX	5	10:00 a.m.	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>				Amarillo	KVII	7	8:00 a.m.
<b>FLORIDA</b>				Clovis	KVER	12	8:30 a.m.	El Paso	KELP	13	2:30 p.m.
Fort Myers	WINK	11	10:30 a.m.	<b>NEW YORK</b>				Lubbock	KLBK	13	8:30 a.m.
Orlando	WLOF	9	1:00 p.m.	Utica	WKTV	2	9:00 a.m.	Sherman	KXII	12	5:00 p.m. (Sat.)
Panama City	WJHG	7	5:30 p.m. (Sat.)	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>				<b>VIRGINIA</b>			
Pensacola	WEAR	3	5:30 p.m. (Sat.)	Asheville	WISE	62	6:30 p.m. (Sat.)	Petersburg	WXEX	8	7:30 a.m.
<b>IDAHO</b>				<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>				Portsmouth	WAVY	10	9:30 a.m.
Boise	KBOI	2	8:30 a.m.	Bismarck	KFYR	5	9:30 a.m.	<b>WASHINGTON</b>			
Twin Falls	KLIX	11	2:00 p.m.	Williston	KUMV	8	4:00 p.m.	Spokane	KREM	2	11:30 a.m.
<b>ILLINOIS</b>				<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>				<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>			
Harrisburg	WSIL	3	1:30 p.m. (Wed.)	<b>WISCONSIN</b>				Bluefield	WHIS	6	9:15 a.m.
<b>INDIANA</b>				Green Bay	WLUK	11	11:30 a.m.	Huntington	WHTN	13	12:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne	WPTA	21	12:00 p.m.	<b>KENTUCKY</b>				Oak Hill	WOAY	4	8:30 a.m.
<b>KENTUCKY</b>				Bowling Green	WLTV	13	4:00 p.m.	<b>LOUISIANA</b>			
<b>LOUISIANA</b>				Louisville	WAVE	3	9:00 a.m.	New Orleans	WVUE	13	11:00 a.m. (every third Sunday)
<b>LOUISIANA</b>				<b>LOUISIANA</b>				Shreveport	KSLA	12	8:00 a.m.
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# Christ, the Prophet of God

By E. R. Harper

Radio Sermon No. 558

ABC and MBS Radio Networks

October 7, 1962

My friends, it is a pleasure beyond my power to express in words to be back with you in another series of Bible lessons. The many letters you have written to us, the questions you have asked, the fellowship with us in making this great program possible have all been a source of joy to me personally. It is our desire in this program to bring you closer to our Lord and to create within your heart a love for us also that will bring us closer, one to the other. My good people, we believe we are the church the Lord built. We believe we are presenting to the world the plea of the Christ of Calvary. We believe we are presenting to the world the plan by which Christ saves the world. It is for this reason only that we want you to listen to our program. If you do not agree with us we are not angry at you for not agreeing, we do not feel hard toward you for it, for that is your part.

If our plea be not a distinctive plan, if we have nothing different from the rest of the religious world that the world needs to be brought to Christ to be saved, then we have no religious right to exist. We are but adding to the confusion of the world by adding another denomination. We have so many of them now that the world is so confused that many listening now may be nothing religiously for this simple reason. I ask you honestly, if we have nothing that you must have to be saved that you can't find elsewhere, then why should we exist? Why should you exist? Why hold to, preach, or practice anything that makes us separate from other religious

bodies unless we believe that thing to be essential to man's salvation? Why not join them if they are to be saved also? Why continue the division?

## MY LAST

As I close, let me say that this series will be my last so far as I now know. I have enjoyed being with Brother Baxter. He is a great man of God. Brother George Bailey of the College Church of Christ is to take my place. He is likewise a wonderful young man and you will enjoy him I know. The College Church of which he is the local minister in which position he will remain, is a great church interested in the souls of men around the world.

## WHY I RESIGNED

Many will wonder why I resigned from an opportunity that allowed my voice to reach so many, many thousands of you in various countries of the earth. The last Sunday in August, I was 65. While I am physically capable of doing much work for the Lord's cause, and am by no means retiring, I am not able to give to this work what I honestly believe it deserves to have that a much younger man can contribute to it. My resignation came as a surprise to the elders here, but this program is a great work of the Lord, and it deserves the very best in us that is possible to be given to it. So, to my dearest of friends and our listening audience, I assure you there is not one misunderstanding between me and this program. I am continuing with it, answering your many letters and questions. By this, we shall be able to keep

up with our correspondence as this great work deserves, which we have not been able to do as we should have enjoyed doing. When you write, you will be expecting to hear from me personally. Let us have your questions. I will answer them. But above all, remember this program is worthy of your continued fellowship.

## CHRIST CENTERED RELIGION

The general theme of the last few lessons I shall discuss with you will deal with this great truth: "Christianity, a Christ Centered Religion." It is not built around Moses and the law with its animal sacrifices. Christ and His sacrifice become the central figure in the "Christian System," as this is commonly called as is expressed in Hebrews 10:10-14 and II Corinthians 5:21.

## CHRIST — GOD'S PROPHET

To understand correctly Christ's place as God's Prophet, why we call it a Christ-centered religion, it is necessary that we understand the primary meaning of the word prophet. It simply means "one who speaks for another; one who speaks on behalf of another." Therefore the Bible meaning of the word is "one who speaks for God; God's messenger, one who brings the message of God to man." He does not speak for himself. The power or strength of his message is not found in him. The strength of his message, the power, its importance is measured therefore by the power inherent in the one who sends him to speak for him to the people. Since Christ has all power, unlimited power, as He Himself declared in Matthew



28:18, then the words spoken, the commands given, the orders revealed by Him are to be obeyed by man without question. They are not optional with man to whom God delivers His message by His prophet. They are bound upon man. This we need always to remember.

#### PROPHECIES POINTING TO CHRIST

That we know that this prophet is Christ, I now invite your attention to Deuteronomy, chapter 18 verses 17-19, where Jehovah, speaking to Moses says, "And Jehovah said unto me, they have well said that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren like unto thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." Now to all who claim to be prophets of God or who claim to be following men and women who have claimed to be prophets, and are now gone, be admonished by the words of this next verse; "But the prophet that shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the names of other gods, that same prophet shall die." This needs no elaborate explanation. It simply means that when we find this prophet and what he commands, we do that and nothing else or we are lost. Therefore, we must know just who this prophet is and what he has said regarding man's salvation from sin. Now let us turn to our New Testament and find this prophet and when found we shall know what God's message to the world is and it can be absolutely nothing else.

#### CHRIST THE PROPHET

Turn now with me to Acts, chapter 3, verses 19 through 26. I

can't read it all here for the lack of time. Please read it. Verse 20 says, "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you." Then beginning with verse 24 we read, "Yea and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follows after (these include Moses), as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days." Not days after the second coming of Christ, but these days. Then he says to them, "Ye are the children of the prophets . . . Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

But asks one, how can we be sure that this refers to Deuteronomy? Ah, my friends, Acts 3: 22-23 of this same chapter quotes almost word for word that very prophecy of Deuteronomy 18 applying it to Christ personally. Christ is the prophet. Now if we can find what Christ has spoken to man, we are then assured of the truth that we have the words of God revealed to us, which words we must obey or be lost. Remember the man who rejects these words, or the teacher or prophet who contradicts these words is a false teacher or prophet.

Will you accept these words that are now to come from Christ, God's prophet? Or, are we so blinded by so much confusion in the religious world that it seemingly is impossible to accept these words from God? Remember a prophet is one who speaks for another. Christ has therefore brought God's message to man. Do not reject it! In John 14:24, Christ says "And the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." In verse 10 of this chapter we read, "The words that I say unto you I speak not from myself: but the Father abiding in me doeth his works." Listen to one more that we may be convinced that Christ is God's prophet revealing to us God's message to

man. In John 7, verses 16-17, Christ says, "My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself." Listen to verse 18, "He that speaketh from himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh the glory of him that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him." These scriptures prove conclusively that a prophet in the truest sense and meaning of the word is one who speaks for another; one who reveals the will of another. Christ therefore is God's prophet, revealing His will to man. Christ, is God speaking through Him to us revealing what He wills for man to do. We had better listen and cease trying to find ways by which we may convince ourselves that we do not have to "hearken unto the words of this prophet of God" to be accepted of God. If Christ, God's prophet to us, has issued a command to us under the Christian dispensation then that command is binding and to refuse to obey it is rebellion against God's will. God said "I will require it of every soul that doth not hearken unto my words spoken by this prophet."

#### HOW MUCH POWER?

Let us now see how much authority or power Christ, God's prophet has that He may bind upon us the words spoken by Him. Matthew 28:18 says of Him "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." In Romans 1, verse 4 we read, "Declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Therefore, when Christ arose from the dead, He was given all power and when He speaks what He says is bound. It must be obeyed.

#### IN WHOM IS THIS PROPHET INTERESTED?

Let us notice now in whom this prophet is interested. In Matthew

28:19 He commands as follows: "Go ye therefore (that is because I have all power), and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." In Mark 16:15 Christ commands as follows, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." In Luke 24:46 he says, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved the Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." God therefore sent Christ His prophet to bring His message to every creature, in every nation, in all the world. Said He in Deuteronomy 18:19 of this message delivered by His prophet, Jesus Christ; "I will require it of every soul that does hearken unto my words." Hear that? My words which he shall speak in *My name*. In these recorded words of Christ, God's prophet, only one time does He command us to believe. Only once has He commanded that we repent; but twice He has commanded baptism. Now how does it happen that faith and repentance are essential but baptism has been eliminated from the words of God given by His prophet, Christ, by which man is to be saved? In one of these passages (Matthew 28:18-20) neither faith nor repentance is mentioned; only baptism. In one of them (Luke 24:46) faith is omitted, repentance only is mentioned, but in one (Mark 16:16) *both* faith and baptism are requirements for salvation. Does it not appear to you as rather strange that baptism is the *only one* to be rejected when it alone is given as a specific command in Matthew 28:18 and again in Mark 16:16? It is commanded of every creature in all the world who will believe, should that person desire salvation. Why

try eliminating baptism from the words of God's prophet when in His world-wide commission He commanded it twice as many times as He did faith and repentance.

#### WHO GAVE THESE ORDERS?

Now just who is it that has given these world-wide orders that shall include every lost creature on earth? It is Christ. Who is this Christ? Peter declares Him to be that prophet spoken of by Moses in Deuteronomy through whose mouth God was to reveal His will to man (Acts, chapter 3). What did God say about those who would not hearken to His words spoken by this Prophet? He said, as recorded in Deuteronomy 18: 19, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken, unto (that is obey) my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." The Spirit guided Peter to say in Acts 3:22 "To him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you." And verse 23 reads, "And it shall be that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet (that is who shall not do what the prophet commands) shall be utterly destroyed from among the people." Friends, what has

gone wrong in our religious thinking that can cause a man to read these words and then teach the people they do not have to hearken to the words of Christ?

#### CONCLUSION

Thus far we have found that God who sent this prophet, has commanded through this prophet that every lost creature, in every nation, in all the world, must believe that Christ is God's Son, the Savior of mankind; that He has demanded of every man repentance, which means not only a sorrow for his sins, but a correction of them, a complete turning from them. We also have found that twice in this world-wide recorded commission of Christ, God's prophet, that He commanded baptism with these two blessings following this commanded in Matthew 28:19. He says "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you (and He had just commanded baptism), and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world." And in Mark 16:16 this prophet declared, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Now if you wish the Lord

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#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

OCTOBER 7, 1962

From Lodi, California, come these questions: 1. "What is a covenant?" Mr. Webster says "It is a writing containing the terms of an agreement." 2. "What is law?" Mr. Webster again says, "Law is a rule prescribed by authority, a legal procedure." 3. "What is grace?" Again Mr. Webster says, "It is favor or kindness." Now all these were asked for this purpose: to ask this question, and I am happy to answer it: "Does grace do away with law?" Yes, grace does away with a certain kind of law; it does away with the law of Moses; it has overcome the "law of sin and death." There is an endeavor now and has been all these generations back to show that if salvation is of grace then there is nothing man can do to be saved. That you may know that grace operates through or by law I read to you some passages. Acts 20:32, "I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up." Here grace functions through God's word. Again in Romans 3:27 "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? — Nay but by the law of faith." In Romans 8:2 we read, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sins and death." In James 4:12, your Bible reads "There is one lawgiver who is able to save and to destroy." Does grace exclude this lawgiver? Who is this lawgiver? Let your Bible answer: in Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Christ is the lawgiver. Now, does grace exclude this lawgiver and His "law of faith"; His "law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus"; this "law of Christ"? Why have a lawgiver if He gives no law? Now this lawgiver saves us by His grace but His grace works through His law.



# Christ--God's High Priest

By E. R. Harper

Radio Sermon No. 559

ABC and MBS Radio Networks

October 14, 1962

Today I continue my discussion of the general theme, "Christianity, a Christ Centered Religion." By this we do not mean that Christ has no method, no plan, no system by which man appropriates the blessings of the priesthood of Christ to himself. We simply mean that in this system, the Christian system, everything revolves around Christ. He is the center of it all. Remove Him and His sacrificial death upon Calvary and substitute any other sacrifices or any other being would be to destroy the merit of Christianity. That you may see that He is the center of Christianity, I read Hebrews 9:26, "But now once in the end of the world he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." In I Timothy 2:5 your Bible reads, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." Again in I John 1:7 the Bible says, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." And now having been cleansed by His blood, John says in I John 2:1, "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Remove Christ from Christianity and you destroy the whole of the Christian system. This shows man is helpless to save himself without the Christ of Calvary. Christ said in Luke 17:9-10, "Doth he thank the servant because he did the things that were commanded? Even so ye also, when ye shall have done all the things that are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants." Hence after man has done all Christ commands he is not saved

by the merits of what he has done, but he is saved by the merits of Christ on Calvary who died for our sins (I Corinthians 15:3).

## CHRIST — GOD'S HIGH PRIEST

One may wonder just what connection Christ, God's High Priest, has with man's salvation? Just why I would quote the passages just read? For this reason: were it not for the fact that Christ is God's High Priest, nothing man may do of himself would merit man's salvation. He must approach the saving grace of God through Christ, God's High Priest or there can be no reconciliation for his sins. No church, no religion is stronger than its priesthood for it is in the priesthood we find the merit of a religion. The heathen religions have priests; they have systems of priest-craft. Their priests offer sacrifices for their people. Do we believe these priests make reconciliation with God for the sins of the heathens who worship heathen gods? Hence, if the priesthood of religion is wrong, their religion is vain, empty, without merit. That priesthood cannot bring about a reconciliation for sin. Such a religion has no scriptural right to exist for in that religion there can be no merit, no salvation from sin. The strength, the merit, the blessing to be found in the church the Lord built is the strength of its priesthood, which is the priesthood of Christ. Once we establish the fact that the priesthood of a religion is wrong, or the way to enjoy the benefits of that priesthood is wrong, we have destroyed its right scripturally to exist, for there is no benefit to be derived from it so far as man's salvation is concerned.

We must understand that man cannot be saved except through the priesthood of Christ and Christ alone is God's High Priest. If interested, read Hebrews 4:14-16, also Hebrews 7:21-28.

## QUALIFICATIONS OF A HIGH PRIEST

In discussing the qualifications of the High Priest under the law of Moses, suffice it to say he must be a descendent of Levi, through Aaron his son. For further qualifications study the Law of Moses. Their qualifications do not form a needed part for our lesson today. The purpose of the High Priest of the law was to offer animal sacrifices for the sins of himself and the people. In Hebrews 9, verse 7 we read, "But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the errors or sins of the people." In this lesson today I shall at least establish the qualifications for one to become the High Priest of God in this Christian dispensation.

## QUALIFICATIONS

You will note that in the Old Law there was but one high priest at a time. So it is in the Christian dispensation, and that High Priest is Christ only. But to qualify for this exalted position, what are the requirements? Study these with me and then ask yourself can any man or group of men lay claim to such an exalted position as that enjoyed by Christ our Lord? This part of our lesson today is fraught with tragic results to much of our religious world for there are many who claim to be High Priests of God. If no one

can meet the qualifications given for one to be accepted as God's High Priest, then we must conclude that today on earth there lives not a High Priest of God.

## WITHOUT SINS

The first of the qualifications one had to possess before God would make him His high priest is found in Hebrews 4, verse 15, where we read, "For we have not a high priest (not high priests plural) which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities but was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin." Who of this earth will stand before his fellowman and declare that he is without sin? Yet to qualify as God's High Priest, one had to be found without sin. Christ was the only one found on earth to so qualify. Do not frown upon this qualification.

## ENTER HEAVEN

Another qualification to become God's High Priest, one had to enter heaven. In the verse before the one just read, we find this statement, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest (not priests), that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession." Not one of us has entered heaven. God's High Priest had to enter heaven. This is fundamental my good people.

A third qualification to become God's High Priest, one had to die for the sins of the people. Let us read this time from your Bible Hebrews chapter 2 and verse 9. "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Why was He made lower than the angels? Why did he take on Him the seed of Abraham? Verse 17 answers the question, "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that

he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God — "

Has any man ever given up his place at God's right hand to come to this earth that he might die for our sins as Paul says Christ died in I Corinthians 15:3? Here it reads, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." Have any of us died for the sins of the people on a Roman cross?

## THE HEART OF THE PRIESTHOOD

Let me read to you just here one of the most beautiful and comforting thoughts in all the Bible with reference to God's High Priest which is Christ, yet one of the most devastating and tragic to be found in your Bible with respects to any man or groups of men who might aspire to such a high and exalted office as this given to Christ. Please open your hearts and minds to this reading, knowing that God knows what He wants to say and says it. He is discussing in this setting the fact that Christ was made a priest after the order of Melchisedec and begins in Hebrews 7 verse 23 as follows, "And they truly were many priests (that was under the law of Moses) because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death." Now let us understand what he is saying here. Because the high priests under the Law of Moses had to die, the law had many priests, yes, many high priests; but listen to the priesthood of Christ. "But this man (not these men) because he continueth ever, had an unchangeable priesthood." From this we see that Christ will never cease to be God's High Priest for He will never die. Not until Christ dies or abdicates, that is surrenders this office of high priest, will there ever be another high priest. The only reason for there being more than

one high priest under the law of Moses was the fact given here, they had to die. Had they not died they would have had but one. Now that Christ will never die again; since His priesthood is unchangeable and will continue forever, then there will never be another high priest of God. God therefore has but one high priest today — Jesus Christ. We can't just brush this off with the shrug of the shoulder. What I am presenting here today is the very heart of Christianity. Remember no so called modern revelation, no tradition of any church can contradict your Bible. God's revelations do not contradict the one the other. Your Bible is right. Upon the truth of this lesson hangs the eternal destiny of man.

Now notice the blessings derived from this priesthood because Christ will never die and His priesthood therefore is unchangeable. Verse 25, "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." What more do we need than what we have? What more can an earthly high priest or an earthly priest craft do for us that Christ cannot do? Now listen further to the kind of person one has to be to qualify as God's High Priest.

## HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS

"For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners (and here this now), made higher than the heavens." What man among us poor mortals is "higher than the heavens"? Christ alone can qualify as such for He made the heavens and He who makes the object is greater than the object made. Now, may I ask, the above being true, how can man be a high priest of God since God's high priest had to live without sin, and since man has never been able to live without sin? Since man is not

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1450	Washington	WJPA	8:35 a.m.	1400	Temple	KTEM	6:35 p.m.				
1490	Wellsboro	WNBT	6:35 p.m.								
980	Wilkes Barre	WILK	9:30 p.m.								
1450	Williamsport	WMPT	9:30 p.m.								

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## Christ — God's High . . .

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able to die for the sins of the world, since no man has entered into heaven for us, and since God's high priest is made higher than the heavens, how can man attain to such a place with God, seeing we have to die? But Christ, God's High Priest who is able to save to the uttermost dies no more. How can we lay claim to such a position as this given only to Christ? My dear friends, can't we see that no man on earth can qualify for this place given to Christ by heaven itself? Why should I want to stand on the pedestal equal with Christ?

### WHO MAKES THE HIGH PRIEST OF GOD?

Let us answer this question just here. Who makes one the High Priest of God? Is that done by a majority vote of some human council? Is this office filled by the church at its own discretion? By the formation of its own laws or traditions or customs? This needs to be answered; it must be understood. Let your Bible answer who makes the High Priest of God. In Hebrews chapter 5, verses 4-6, speaking of the priesthood it reads, "And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him (that was God), 'Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.' From this there is no denying that God personally called Christ to this priesthood; that God, apart from a vote of some council, made Him a priest after the order of Melchisedec and His priesthood as an unchangeable priesthood as we read from Hebrews 7:24. Do we think that an office so vital to the salvation of man, or the selection of one to occupy this office would be left to the discretion of men? Suppose the church of which I am a member decided we would institute an earthly order of

priestcraft and would make one of us a high priest. Where would we go to find how such should be done? There is nothing in the New Testament that remotely refers to an earthly order of priestcraft, under the Christian dispensation, where men are made on earth "high priests of God." But suppose we were determined to be like those about us and began such an order anyway? Where would we find men who could qualify? Not one of us has ever lived a sinless life; no man ever has so lived save the Christ. Not one of us ever died on a Roman cross for the sins of the people. Not one of us has ever entered into heaven. God has not given to a single one of us a personal call to take the place of Christ, who he made his High Priest forever. Just think of coming to bow down before a man who claims to have the power to forgive my sins in Christ's place! Friends, what is wrong with this lesson? Yes, the priesthood of Christ correctly understood and

accepted would eliminate most of our troubles religiously I truly believe. If the religious world would follow the absolute teachings of the Bible regarding the priesthood of Christ, with Christ the high priest, and with each individual being a common priest; if the world would realize that in all the New Testament there is found no authority for an earthly priestcraft, composed of common priests with several officiating as God's High Priest, we could do away with much of our confusion in the religious world. For unity, with regard to the truth of this grave question we pray, for it is in the priesthood of a church you find its strength. One may say, I am satisfied with the order of priesthood my church has; but it is not that simple, for so are the heathen religions. God must be pleased with it. Setting aside God's order that you may substitute your own priestcraft is displeasing to God. When God is not (Continued on Inside Back Cover)

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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A question comes from Placerville, California, "Would you give us the scriptures for the thousand years reign of Christ?" First, there is no scripture for the theory of a thousand years reign of Christ. Christ began His reign on David's throne as recorded in Acts 2:29-35, where He was "raised to sit on David's throne" and had been exalted at that time to the right hand of the Father, as both Lord (that is, ruler) and Christ. This was to be until His enemies should be made His footstool. Paul said in I Corinthians 15:25 that Christ "must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet." The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death, verses 25-26. Death is destroyed only by the resurrection. Therefore, Christ was reigning at this writing of Acts 2:29-35 and I Corinthians 15:14 and was in each place said to reign until His enemies had been overcome, and your Bible says the last one was death. So from Pentecost in Acts 2 until now He has been reigning and will continue to so reign until the end of time. It has already been two thousand years and how say some He is to reign only a thousand years. They try to get such a theory out of Revelation, chapter 20 and verse 4 where it says "And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." This you will notice is discussing the living and reigning of souls who in this same verse had been beheaded for the cause of Christ. It is the souls of those who had died that are said here to be "living and reigning a thousand years." Not that Christ was "living and reigning only a thousand years." His reign began before this and will continue during this little season that follows. Here is what this means: The cause for which these souls lost their physical lives was to come back to be with men and the power that then held the nations could not prevent it. That power was centered in Rome. So this "first resurrection" was the resurrection of a cause once overthrown by Rome but is now back for the people to accept the Lord. This entire thousand years is this first resurrection period and it is a figurative illustration of those once dead, living and reigning during this period through the cause for which they died. Remember it reads, "They lived and reigned" and not that Christ lived and Christ reigned a thousand years, but they lived and reigned a thousand years with Him; not Christ with them. Their reign ended but His went on through this little season. If not, where did He go?

# The Function of God's High Priest

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In the study thus far in our general theme, "Christianity, a Christ Centered Religion" we have studied Christ as God's Prophet, speaking for Christ to man. We have studied Christ as God's High Priest with reference to the qualifications demanded of God for one to fulfill this exalted position.

### FUNCTION OF GOD'S HIGH PRIEST

Today I am discussing with you the subject, The Function of God's High Priest. To establish the truth of this lesson I now take you to the Old Testament for a brief study of the function of God's High Priest under the Law of Moses, or the Jewish Dispensation as we refer to it. We do this with no disrespect to the conviction of our Jewish friends, but from the view point as understood by those of us who are members of the church of Christ. This lesson will have to do primarily with the High Priest and his relationship to the offering for the sins of people. In the Old Testament this High Priest is called the "anointed," for in Leviticus 4:3-5 it reads, "the priest that is anointed." That you may know this is true, I read from Leviticus 21, verse 10, "And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes." I make mention of this that when you read Leviticus regarding the various duties of the "anointed" you will not become confused by that expression, and will know it is the high priest, it is therefore this priest anointed (the high priest)

that is to make the sin offering once each year for the sins of the people, as we shall learn. He it was who made the atonement for everything for which an atonement had to be made. In Leviticus 16, and verse 29 is given the day and the month on which this is to be offered. It was the seventh month and the tenth day. Now verse 30 reads, "For on that day shall the priest (that is this high priest) make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord." Then in verse 32 we read, "And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments: and he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priest and for all the people of the congregation." Here we find that one priest, at the time, was anointed for the place as High Priest and he it was who should enter into the "holy place within the veil," (verse 2 of this chapter). This is what we call the most holy place for the part of the tabernacle within the veil was that to which the writer of Hebrews 9, verse 3 calls the holiest of all. In the Old Testament it is called "The Most Holy Place" (Exodus 26: verses 33 and 34, and I Kings 6, verse 16). This we wish you to remember; this we hope to indelibly stamp upon your minds for it is of the utmost value in understanding the priesthood of Christ, as God's High Priest. Under the law there was

but "one high priest" at a time. Just one could offer for the sins of the people. He had to be anointed and consecrated for this special purpose. Another thing, all Israel had to look to his offering. Not one of them could go around this offering to God for satisfaction of his sins. They had to go through this one high priest for the atonement, the satisfaction for sins.

Again, under the law of Moses, there was just one priesthood at a time. It was made up of the common priests and one high priest. The common priest went into the first part of the tabernacle, but were not allowed to enter the most holy place to offer or make an atonement for the sins of the people.

You may be ready to ask, Mr. Harper, what does this have to do with us today? It is the very heart, the very center, the very essence around which is pictured the "Function of God's High Priest." He, and he alone, could offer for the sins of the people and they had only one high priest at a time. They had to come where he was. There was no going to God direct, disregarding this one high priest and his offering. This I wish you to remember!

### PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST

I now come to the New Testament and the Priesthood of Christ. First I wish to say that there is but one priesthood taught in the Christ Centered System of Salvation. Christianity knows no orders of earthly priestcraft. May I ask this very pertinent question? If earthly orders of priestcraft are scriptural, then tell me how I



may know which of the present day orders of priestcraft are according to the anointing and consecration of the Lord? They all differ. How may I know which one is right? Has God ordained a number of varied and conflicting priesthoods? If all are of God, then why are we different? Ah, my friends! If the world would but open its heart and say "Lord, I want the Bible way of things," it would be so easy it seems to me to find that way. Now in the first place, there was no order, much less orders of earthly priestcraft in the Christian System of which Christ is the center. You know it is one thing to cry that we preach a Christ Centered Religion and it is quite another thing to practice it. We both preach and practice a Christ Centered religion. We follow Him and His orders.

#### NEW TESTAMENT PRIESTHOOD

In the New Testament, under the Christ Centered Religion, we have but one priesthood. Here it is (that is, here in that priesthood), and, good people, believe me when I say this is the truth. In I Peter chapter 2 and verse 5, your Bible reads, as follows, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." Here each member of this spiritual house, which is the church, is a priest under this holy priesthood. Here each Christian offers up sacrifices to God, but it is done by Jesus Christ the High Priest. Not one of them could offer to God a sin offering for himself. For this they had to go through Christ, their high priest, to God. Hence the principle is the same here as in the priesthood under the law. Each Christian is a common priest with Christ as his high priest. This constitutes the new priesthood under this Christ Centered Religion. Since a priesthood is of no value to the souls of men unless it has a high priest

to offer for their sins, then this priesthood under this Christ Centered Religion is of no value unless we can find for them a high priest to offer for their sins. Remember, you can't save yourself! This is a Christ Centered Religion and you must come by him to God. You have nothing of merit to offer for your salvation. Christ has to make that for you.

#### CHRIST GOD'S HIGH PRIEST

Now that this new order of priesthood, of which every Christian, as a common priest, has to have a high priest, let us find for them their High Priest and what his function is? When once we have found this high priest, let us honestly look within our own hearts and ask ourselves: the Bible being true, can any man—any mortal man—save the Christ, qualify as God's High Priest? How I wish you would read the 4th through the 10th chapters of the Hebrew letter this very day, having heard these lessons! In Hebrews, chapter 9, verse 11, your Bible reads, "But Christ being come an high Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building." Hear again Hebrews 4:14, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession." Yes, *Christ only* is this high priest.

#### HOW MADE?

Let us see how Christ was made High Priest. Again in Hebrews 5, verses 4 through 6, "And no man taketh this honor unto himself." My friends, do you get that? Your Bible says "No man taketh this honor unto himself. What honor? The honor of claiming to be God's High Priest on earth! This is why churches of Christ

over the world do not claim to have high priests who take the place of Christ to forgive sins. Your Bible just plainly says "No man taketh this honor to himself." Now who does bestow this honor? Your Bible answers. Verse 4 again. "But he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest." If Christ did not call Himself, then who did? But He that said unto Him, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?" (that was God again.) As he saith also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec," Here is just says so many words that no man can take this offer unto himself, neither can any council of men appoint one or more men to this exalted place of God's High Priest. Your Bible declares that only God can do that and that He called Christ and made the order of Melchisedec. Since He is made a priest forever; since He shall continue forever; hath an unchangeable priesthood (Hebrew 7:24), how could man become a high priest? Since this Christ Centered Religion has but one priesthood in which every Christian is a common priest who may offer up spiritual sacrifices, but not atonement for sins, seeing that Christ their High Priest makes this offering for sins, I ask therefore, Whence come so many conflicting priesthoods with so many high priests, each claiming to be of God?

#### HE OFFERS FOR OUR SINS

Now the function of Christ, God's High Priest, forever eliminates man as the High Priest of God. Hear your Bible. In Hebrews 2, verse 17 we read, "Wherefore in all things it behoved him (that is Christ) to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God." Now why, my good

friends, was Christ made all this? Hear it. "To make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Again, Hebrews 9:12, "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." The writer says in verse 14, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Hear again the purpose of God's High Priest and know that no man can qualify to sit in such an exalted position as God's High Priest. Hebrews 9:24 declares that Christ entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us and in verse 26 your Bible reads, "But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." Then to think I would dare appropriate to my sinful human nature the place prepared by heaven for Christ! He was to enter heaven with His blood, (and "without spot") to make atonement for my sins!

#### HIS HELP TO CHRISTIANS

My dear friends, I want you to have the benefits of this High Priest of God. But you will have to come where He is. Will you listen to your Bible in Hebrews 4:15-16, "For we (referring to Christians now) have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Remember, He only is the house of God — the Church. No wonder the writer of this book is heard to exclaim in Hebrews 3, verse 1, "Wherefore holy brethren," (do you not see these were Chris-

tians?), partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house." Again we find that God appointed Christ as His High Priest over His house, His church, and it was forever, and it was not left to a council of erring mortals upon this earth. Friends, what is wrong? Why can't we see the truth and come into the church?

#### PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST

The last thing before I close. Today, the New Testament does not bind upon the church of the Lord the Priesthood of Aaron, which is the same as the Levitical Priesthood. In Hebrews 7, verse 12 we read, "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change of the law." This was the Aaronic priesthood under the Law of Moses. It had to end before the Priesthood of Christ could become effective.

They could not both be effective at the same time for under the Levitical or Aaronic Priesthood they offered animal sacrifices. Under Christ He offered one sacrifice forever, the sacrifice of Himself. Again, there is no such thing in the New Testament as the Melchisedec Priesthood. Christ was made an high priest after the order of Melchisedec, but nowhere is there any mention of an order of priestcraft called the Melchisedec Priesthood. These are all additions to the New Testament. We have the priesthood of Christ. He has made complete atonement for our sins and He and He alone as our only high priest can approach God in our behalf that our sins may be forgiven through His sacrifice. Remember, no man can meet the requirements laid down in the Bible for God's High Priest, and no man can offer himself as a sacrifice for our sins, which was the function of God's high Priest. May God bless you to see and accept the truth is my prayer in the name of Christ, God's High Priest.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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A letter from way down Florida way asks, "Why don't you stop kidding yourself and begin to believe and practice God's word?" Then she adds if I would do this, I would see that "it was Saturday night Paul preached and left early Sunday morning to go on his mission." This is a letter endeavoring to influence me to observe the sabbath. That is the very thing I presented on the radio. I said it was on Saturday night and not on the sabbath for the sabbath had ended by night. This justifies me therefore in not observing the sabbath for Paul waited until after the sabbath, until the "first day of the week," to meet with them (Acts 20:7). It just said "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread." Try every way on earth to make it say the sabbath; to make it fit Monday and it just still reads "upon the first day of the week." In my office I have a printed offer of \$1000.00 for anyone who would find the command "to remember the first day of the week or Sunday, to keep it holy." There is no such command in all the Bible. As I have said so many times we are not commanded in the New Testament to "remember a day to keep it holy" but we are to meet for the purpose of "remembering the Lord's death til he comes again" (I Corinthians 11:26). In so doing the Lord said you do "remember me"; not the creation; not the crossing of the Red Sea; but Christ's "death til he comes." Now I give you one: I will give \$1000.00 for the command to be found in the New Covenant God promised in Jeremiah 31:31 which is the New Testament, for the command to "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." Remember, I said "to keep it holy" for that was the command. Again I ask, Is the command of Exodus binding today? If so we would offer burnt offerings as they did, for in Numbers 28:10 we read, "This is the burnt offering of every sabbath." Now if you do not have to offer this, then the command of Exodus 20, verse 8 is not binding. Did God change it? If so, where? These answered and I shall be thankful.



# Obtaining the Blessing of the Priesthood

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Thus far in our discussion of the Priesthood of Christ we have found God's demands for the qualifications of His High Priest. We have found that no man can fulfill those qualifications; eliminating therefore from this High Priesthood all possibility of man, during this Christ Centered age of God's dealings with man, ever occupying such an exalted place. We have also discussed the function of God's High Priest during the age of Christianity and have found its function to be that this High Priest must appear before God with his blood to make an atonement for our sins. No man being found qualified to make such an offering, Christ was sent to earth to be born of woman that man might have such an high priest who could qualify and who could appear in heaven with his blood that such an atonement might be offered for the redemption of man. This being his function, we found that no man could so qualify as "A" or "The" High Priest of God to offer for the sins of man. Since the one qualifying for such an honored place in the Christ-Centered-Religion had to be "without sin" (Hebrews 4:15), since he had to appear before God having been "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners (that is never having been a sinner) and made higher than the heavens" (Hebrews 7:26): and since he had to enter into the holy place (heaven) with his own blood to obtain eternal redemption for us (Hebrews 9:12) and finding that his priesthood was after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 6:20) and that forever and unchangeable (Hebrews 7:24) we were forced to conclude that no man or groups of men on earth today could so

qualify to serve as "A", or "The" High Priest of God during this Christian dispensation. We found that according to your Bible there was one priesthood and in that priesthood all Christians were common priests, as we call them, "offering spiritual sacrifices unto God by Jesus Christ," but could not make "atonement for sins" and that in this priesthood, Christ stood as the High Priest of God to make the "atonement for sins" (I Peter 2:5 and Hebrews 9:11). This, my good friends, is so fundamental that it is exceedingly painful seeing the religious world is in such a confused condition over this question.

## OBTAINING THE BLESSINGS OF THE PRIESTHOOD

From the study of this great question, "Christianity, a Christ Centered Religion," we can now see why it is Christ Centered. All revolves around Christ, our high priest. No man save the Christ could provide the atonement for sin. But our question now is, since man cannot provide by his works of merit these blessings, then how is man to enjoy such blessings provided for all men? That it is sufficient to save all men we have but to read Revelation, chapter 22 and verse 17. Here your Bible reads, "And the Spirit and the bride (that is the church) say come, And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Christ in giving His great commission of Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:45-49, and Mark 16:15-16, invited every creature in every nation in all the world to come. Since the Bible teaches that not

all will be saved, then we ask "Who then Lord can be saved?" (Matthew 19:25). From the passages just read, we must conclude that only those will be saved who by coming to Christ have appropriated to themselves the blessings of this atonement for sin made by Christ. These Scriptures forever prove that man is active in his salvation, that he is not so dead in trespasses and sins that he cannot hear; that he cannot come of his own free will to Christ. May I say this for your meditation if you are really interested in this great question -- The doctrine of total depravity--the doctrine of The Adamic Sin--the doctrine of Inherent Sin--the doctrine of original sin--all mean one and the same thing, deny the free-moral agency of man. They deny that man can without the miraculous aid of the Spirit to destroy this depraved nature accept the Lord. These doctrines deny he can obey Christ of his own free will to become the beneficiary of His promised blessings. All this we reject for we believe the scriptures to teach that man possesses the ability to hear, to come, to obey his Master that his Master may save him. We have met this theory for all these generations back here in America. Here is where much of the differences that exist between us and our religious friends originate. These differences center around two things; the free-moral agency of man, his ability of his own voluntary action to obey God; and how we appropriate the blessings made possible by the offering of Christ for our sins. We believe that man of his own free will can by his own surrender to Christ present himself before Christ in such a

humble spirit that these blessings may be appropriated to him, not by any works of merit that he has done but by the merit of Christ who died that he may enjoy such blessings.

## HIGH PRIEST OVER THE CHURCH

You will recall that in the beginning of these lessons I told you that in due time I would show you the relationship sustained between the church and baptism and the enjoyment of these blessings. The lesson brought today from the Bible, being true, no man can enjoy these precious blessings made possible by Christ our high priest, who has not been baptized into the church the Lord built. This is the only reason we try so hard to get all people to become members of the church the Lord built. Of course we believe we are members of that church, if I did not, I would recommend that the church of which we are members cease, for we have enough confusion as it is today without adding to this confusion one more denomination that the world does not have to have to be saved. Just what does the Lord want with scores of conflicting denominations to confuse the minds of people if they are all nonessential to man's salvation in the first place? Just think it over!

## OLD TESTAMENT PRIESTS

In the Old Testament we found that the high priest went once each year into the most holy place to make atonement for the sins of the people, Israel. They had to go through this one high priest to God for this atonement. They could not go around him direct to God for this atonement for their sins. They could not pray through to him for his victory. It had to come by this high priest. In the same manner today, God has but one high priest, yea, but one priest, who can make atonement for sins, who can come to

God that our sins may be absolved. The question is, where is that high priest of God? Wherever he is we must come if we are to be saved by his sacrifice. Here is why one has to be baptized. One is baptized into the church--the house of God. Now I will show you that Christ is high priest over the house of God--the church. In Matthew 16:18 Christ promised, "I will build my church" (singular, not plural). Paul called the church the "house of God" in I Timothy 3:15 (not houses of God). If I then can establish the truth that Christ is the high priest over the house of God, I have established the truth that He is the high priest over the church of the living God. Turn now with me to Hebrews 10:21. Here our Bible reads, "And having a high priest over the house of God let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Here He is declared to be the "high priest over the house of God." It is therefore necessary that we know what the house of God is. I have just read where Paul said the house of God is "the church of the living God" (I Timothy 3:15). Therefore, Christ is the high priest over the church.

Again in I Peter, chapter 4, verses 14 through 17, your Bible reads, "For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God (the church, remember?); and if it first begin at us (the church), what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Here we find the house of God--the church--is that group that has obeyed the gospel; called the righteous, called the saved, and I Peter 3:21 shows that they were all baptized in water. This being true then, only those baptized into the house of God (the

church) are those who have Christ as their high priest to offer for them His blood for an atonement for sin. These were also called Christians in verse 16. Now to further emphasize the how we obtain the blessings of the priesthood of Christ as based upon Hebrews 10:21, just read. Please follow me closely in this study, for it is vital to our souls.

## HOW ENTER THIS HOUSE OF GOD?

Here is the real purpose behind all these lessons. It is to show you just how and where we obtain these blessings offered to us by Christ our high priest. In Hebrews chapter 10 and verse 21 we read, "And having an high priest over the house of God let us draw near with a true heart full of assurance of faith". Since this house of God is the church, then Christ is high priest over the church. This being true then man must come where Christ is this high priest. This means man must come into the house of God--the church of the living God. In I Corinthians 12:13 we read, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." This does not refer to the baptism of the Spirit, for had they all been baptized already with the Spirit there would have been no necessity for dividing up the gifts according to their several ability; they would all have possessed the baptismal measure, the same as the apostles. This shows this did not mean the baptism of the Spirit. Again in I Corinthians 1:14 Paul said he "baptized Crispus and Gaius and the household of Stephanas." In chapter 12:13 he declares they were all by one Spirit baptized into one body--the church. Since he baptized part of them, this could not have been the baptism of the Spirit for that is not administered by man. What then does it mean? That by the direction of, under the leadership of the Spirit they were all baptized into the one body the church, say A. B. Lip-



scomb in his Queries and Answers, and J. W. McGarvey in his commentaries on I Corinthians. The Pulpit Commentary on this says, "Are we all baptized; rather we were all baptized." Then he goes to show that the national and social differences were all obliterated by baptism, which made us all equal members of one holy brotherhood." Thus we conclude it is not Holy Spirit baptism. This being true, and it is, then to come into this one body--the church--over which Christ sits as God's High Priest, one must be baptized with the baptism of the Great Commission administered by man, which is to every creature in all the world (Mark 16:15-16), which must last unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:18-20). This one baptism puts man into this one church that last "throughout all ages world without end" (Ephesians 3:21). My good people, this one baptism of Matthew 28:18-20 administered by man was to last to the end of the world and put man into this church that would be here throughout all ages world without end. In Acts, chapter 2, those who were added to the church by the Lord were all Baptized. In verse 41 we read, "And they that gladly received his words were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." How did they get into the church the Lord built? Every one of them was baptized into it. So were those in Samaria, Acts 8:12, in Rome, Romans 6:3-4; in Galatia, Galatians 3:27; in Colosse, Colossians 2:12. In fact in every place they were all baptized into the church. Now why were they all baptized in every section? They had to come where Christ, God's High Priest, was and He was high priest over the house of God (Hebrews 10:21) which was the church (I Timothy 3:15). Christ is the center of Christianity. He alone made the atonement for our sins. He is over

the house of God, the church as high priest. You will have to come there for there He is. Outside the church you are away from Christ -- the high priest. Come I beg of you into the church where Christ can be your high priest.

#### CONCLUSION

In our study of this great subject The Priesthood of Christ, we have established by our Bible that under this Christ Centered Religion no man can qualify as God's High Priest; Christ only could so qualify. That no man can perform the function of God's High Priest in offering himself unto God for an atonement for our sins. We have established by the scriptures that God alone called Christ alone to be a high priest forever and gave Him an unchangeable priesthood with the promise that Christ would never die again. This being true, we establish the truth that no man or groups of men so exalt himself or themselves to such a high and exalted place as the High Priest of God, given to Christ. This is why no man of the church of Christ assumes to sit in Christ's place as God's priest with

power to forgive sins. This was given to Christ alone. We have also established the truth that Christ is high priest over the church and to obtain the blessings of His priesthood we must come where He is and that is to the church. This true, then, it is absolutely essential that one be baptized into this church which makes baptism essential to man's reception of these blessings. My friends, why refuse to be baptized into this body--the church of the Lord?

As I close these lessons of the Priesthood of Christ, my prayer for you is that you may come believing with all your heart in this Christ--God's High Priest; that you come repenting of every sin and mistake of your life; that you with faith in Christ as God's Son -- God's High Priest -- come for baptism into this church where Christ sits as God's High Priest to approach God's throne of mercy for your sins that you may be saved before it is too late. May God help our world to see these great truths as taught in the greatest of all blessings to man, Christianity--a Christ Centered Religion for all the world.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

OCTOBER 28, 1962

From way up Wyoming way comes this question, "What would be your explanation regarding the omniscience of God, and the generally taught doctrine that man was a free agent that could obey God, or refuse to do so?" This is the very heart of the trouble with our religious world. Not being able to explain this to the satisfaction of some led to the doctrine of what is called "predestination and unconditional salvation." It is argued that since God knows everything, He knows who will be saved and who will be lost and therefore He has elected a certain number to be saved and a certain number to be lost and the number is so fixed that it cannot be changed. The claim is that man has no part to play in his own salvation. Now this does not follow. Omniscient means the ability to know everything. But, my friends, knowing everything and causing everything to happen as it does are two quite different things. Granting that God knows today who will be saved or lost, He knows that because He knows what I will do with my life or what you will do with yours because you are a free-moral agent; because you have the power of choice. God did not make you choose to live in sin. He died, begging you not to live that way; promising to save you if you will come. If you will not come to Him, He has also said He would cast you away. When He said in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." This shows that man is free to come. Do not become confused over "omniscient" and "omnipotent" and "omnipresent." One means to know all things; the other to be all powerful, and the last to be everywhere. But though God is everywhere and is all powerful and can know everything if He so chooses, that does not destroy man's obligation to come to Christ if he is to be saved. Your Bible says, "You will not come that you might be saved."

#### Christ, the Prophet . . .

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to be with you always, even to the end of the world; if you wish to be saved, then there stands between you and these blessings these words coming for God, through Christ His prophet, to man. Who put these commands in the mouth of Christ? God said, "I did." What is He to do with those who will not obey them? "Destroy them from among the people." Now it is up to you to hearken to these words spoken to us by God's prophet or to reject them. To reject them is to be lost. To hearken to them is to be saved. But remember these words of God do not end at baptism. He said, "Teach them all things." This includes the all of this New Testament. May God bless you and spare us all that we may hearken to His word is my prayer in the name of the Christ, the prophet of God to man.

#### Christ — God's High . . .

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pleased, there is trouble. Listen next time as I discuss the function of the Priesthood of Christ. Do not miss these lessons. Write for them. They are different, but they are true to the revelation of God.

#### CONCLUSION

Remember that every person who came under the blessings of Christ, God's High Priest, had to believe in Christ, this High Priest. He had to repent of his sins, correcting them as far as humanly possible; and this Christ, God's High Priest, commanded every creature in every nation, in all the world to be baptized. This done and you are added to the church over which Christ sits as High Priest (Hebrews 10:21; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:16, and Acts 2:47). I close praying in the name of Christ, God's High Priest that you will believe this lesson and obey the command of the Lord that He may add you to His church.

#### PRISON INMATE BAPTIZED

North Houston Church of Christ, August 30, 1962

Highland Church of Christ

Dear Brethren:

We are very happy to inform you that Wayne Kirkland, an inmate of the Texas Prison in Huntsville, who requested to receive the correspondence from the HERALD OF TRUTH broadcast (which you referred to us) obeyed the gospel of our Lord during the month of July. Bro. Farrer from Huntsville visited with him and after finding that Wayne understood and fully believed the plan of salvation, baptized him. At this time, Wayne is studying the advanced course and doing good work.

Wayne is very enthusiastic and now has two of his friends, who are also in prison with him, taking the correspondence course. Naturally, we are all praying that much good will result from these studies.

We pray for the continued success of the HERALD OF TRUTH and the work that may grow from such an effort.

In Christian love, Mrs. Marjorie Griffith, Secretary

#### ANOTHER PRISON INMATE BAPTIZED

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I address this letter to all of you at the Highland Church of Christ for it is through your efforts that I received your wonderful Bible course I just completed, and there are no words to express how grateful I am for it and the enlightenment regarding God's word that it has brought me.

It has been many years since I have read the Bible or gone to church -- like many others I strayed. It was through my wife that I began to read God's word again and once again began to take an interest in His teaching.

At first, it was only an occasional few minutes in my spare time. Then as I read further along and became more deeply engrossed. I began to listen to your radio program and the one from here in town because I felt as if I were there with my wife (as I knew she was) and the messages slowly began to penetrate my mind and I found myself looking in the Bible for the passages from which came your texts for your messages. I knew there was much I was missing in here but I have regained here in prison through you and my wonderful wife the most precious gift given man -- my faith in God. Like those in the Bible I needed only to be shown the way -- you helped show me that way.

Your radio services and the one here from Huntsville are my church services now until I come home. I attend the services here each Sunday but I have grown to feel that if I miss one of your programs there is something missing in my day of worship.

Brother Farrer here in Huntsville has talked to me several times and just a few weeks ago baptized me and for me that was a wonderful thing to think that our Lord would take me -- a sinner -- into his flock and forgive me my sins. How very, very wonderful He is!

God has made it so much easier for me here in prison. He has eased my mind, guided my thoughts and gave me someone to turn to when I needed someone so very badly. He also has brought my wife and I so much closer together through our faith in Him.

I pray God to be with you always and bless you all in your work for Him. Perhaps someday I too will be able to work for Him in some small way to show others what wonders God can do, for I know from my own experience what He can do.

Once more I pray that God will bless and keep you always and be with you forever. Thank you with all my heart.

(s) Fred R. Williams, No. 157347, Route 1, Box 1, Huntsville, Texas



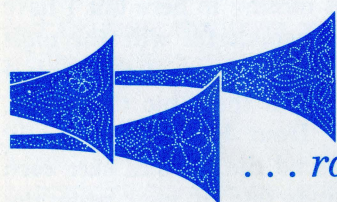
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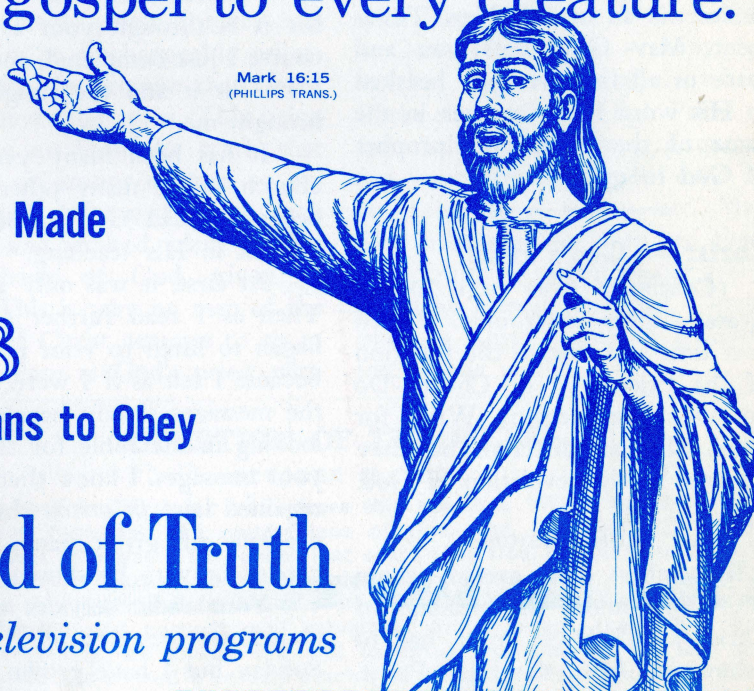
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